

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, on Friday, October 2, 2020, I was not recorded for roll call vote 217 and 218. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on the Adoption of H. Res. 1153, Condemning unwanted, unnecessary medical procedures on individuals without their full, informed consent and YEA on the Adoption of H. Res. 1154, Condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theory it promotes.

I strongly condemn the performance of medical procedures without informed consent. If true, these heinous acts deserve swift and appropriate punishment. The allegations raised in this resolution, however, remain unconfirmed as investigations by the Inspector General at the Department of Homeland Security are still underway. I cannot support this resolution that assumes the facts are true prior to the outcome of complete investigations. Furthermore, as a man of faith, I am unapologetically pro-life and cannot support this resolution that implicitly supports abortion. We must always stand for life and protect the most vulnerable around us.

While I support H. Res. 1154, I am disheartened to see the Majority refuse to name similar leftwing groups, like Antifa, as a part of the problem. I fully denounce all such groups and their destruction of public and private property in our communities.

HUGH PENDLETON NUNNALLY, JR.

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Hugh Pendleton Nunnally, Jr. who was a pillar in the Golden Isles community.

Hugh was born and raised in Atlanta and graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in agriculture.

After graduating, he was fortunate enough to be mentored by Malon Courts of the Courts & Co. and became a broker within 2 years.

In 1955, he was drafted into the Army and finished his service in 1957 as a sergeant.

Following Hugh's time in the Army, he became a founding partner in the brokerage firm, Budd & Co., and then a founding partner of Presidential Financial Co.

After the death of his precious wife, Miriam, he was devoted to many philanthropic efforts, including the Southeast Georgia Health System, the Nunnally House, the College of Coastal Georgia, The Humane Society of South Coastal Georgia, and Hospice of the Golden Isles.

Hugh will always be remembered for his enduring smile, compassion, and selflessness.

My thoughts and prayers are with all who knew and loved him during this most difficult time.

RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
AND LEGACY OF JUSTICE RUTH
BADER GINSBURG**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in recognizing the lifetime of service and the legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." This insight came from the late Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg and has never been more applicable than today. The Notorious RBG was a fighter for all and a defender of rights until the very end, showing us all the true definition of what it means to be a great leader. Throughout her career she fought to extend fairness and protections for countless marginalized groups in this country.

As a father to young girl and a passionate defender of women's rights, I stand before you to reflect on the legacy that Justice Ginsburg has left on all generations today, and in the years to come. In 1993, Justice Ginsburg was appointed to the Supreme Court with unanimous support from the Senate and became only the second woman ever to serve on the highest court in our land. She brought both passion and brilliance to her decisions, always with the best interests of Americans on her mind while upholding our Constitution.

We have a duty to honor Justice Ginsburg by continuing her fight to advance the progress she tirelessly worked for during her entire career. In a time when my constituents and fellow Americans are urgently voicing their need for unity and fairness, we must demand the very things Justice Ginsburg fought for so fiercely: equal health care, reproductive rights, equal rights, LGBTQ rights, workers' rights, voting rights, civil rights, and much more.

So much is at stake with the Supreme Court vacancy her passing has created. The Supreme Court is already scheduled to hear arguments the week after the election on the Trump Administration's reckless push to destroy the Affordable Care Act (ACA). That means, in the middle of this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, which has killed more than 200,000 Americans, the President and his allies are trying to pack the Supreme Court to take away the health care of millions of Americans. This president has promised that his Supreme Court nominee will dismantle the ACA, so we must take him at his word.

President Trump and Senate Republicans are ignoring the dying wishes of Justice Ginsburg, the opinion of most Americans, and years of precedent in a desperate bid to pack the courts to rubberstamp their reckless agenda. This is an insult to our Democracy and a threat to every American. There should be no consideration of a replacement for Justice Ginsburg before the next president is sworn in.

We must act now, after Justice Ginsburg's passing, but before a new justice is appointed to roll back her legacy and our rights. We must take our shared grief and use it as turning point, drawing on her example as a courageous inspiration for us to all rise up and make her proud. We must fight for the rights of those who have been ignored or forgotten

for too long. Justice Ginsburg fought and worked hard until the very end, showing us all that when love for Country and Constitution runs deep, there is no denying justice.

I urge my Senate Colleagues to honor both her and the American people's wishes.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NA-
TIONAL SPINE HEALTH AWARE-
NESS MONTH**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing October as National Spine Health Awareness Month. 100 million Americans, or about one third of the U.S. population, suffer from neck and back pain each year. Individuals with chronic back pain are four times more likely to suffer clinical depression. It is the number one non-cancer related reason for an opioid prescription in the U.S. It costs \$250 billion to the U.S. economy annually. Back pain is the number one cause of job-related disability in the U.S.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been sitting more, eating more, moving less, and not exercising or visiting the gym, all of which contribute to bad backs and necks. Many Americans working from home have reported experiencing more back pain, neck pain, and other musculoskeletal issues.

Located in my district in Reston, Virginia, the National Spine Health Foundation is a non-profit dedicated to improving spinal health care through education, research, and patient advocacy. Their medical research team conducts multi-center studies evaluating innovative approaches to treatments, including regenerative medicine, minimally invasive approaches, and non-opioid pain management. They educate Americans about treatment and prevention and support patients on their journey to good spinal health, striving to reduce the uncertainty and anxiety experienced by all those who suffer from neck and back disorders.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the importance of learning about good spinal health and in honoring those health care providers and organizations nationwide that help Americans reach that goal not just in October, but all year long.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I was not present the week of Sept 28.-Oct. 2, 2020 on account of supporting my son's continuing recovery.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 207; YEA on Roll Call No. 208; YEA on Roll Call No. 209; NAY on Roll Call No. 210; YEA on Roll Call No. 211; NAY on Roll Call No. 212; NAY on Roll Call No. 213; NAY on Roll Call No. 214; NAY on Roll Call No. 215; and NAY on Roll Call No. 216.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF UN-
WAVERING ENVIRONMENTAL AD-
VOCATE W. KENT BAILEY

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the memory of an unwavering environmental advocate, W. Kent Bailey. On any decision or issue that touched the natural environment of our beautiful Tampa Bay and surrounding area, Mr. Bailey was always there—steadfast. He came armed with science-based facts with an eye to the future. He understood how to convey his message in unconventional ways to directly convey the urgency, such as carrying a cardboard wave cutout to show how high water might rise by the end of the century. Mr. Bailey was a leader and a supporter of all causes big and small that impacted our environment.

Born in Paris, Kentucky, Mr. Bailey moved to Tampa Bay in his early adulthood. By the time of his passing on Sept. 22, 2020 at age 69, he had spent more than 30 years in Florida. His love for sailing brought sea-level rise in Tampa Bay to his attention as he documented that the actual tide level was usually higher than the projected tide level. He became an expert on sea-level rise as well as outspoken about it to elected officials and its impact in the near future if left unabated. In 2010, after fighting for the preservation of nearly 13,000 acres of land in northeastern Hillsborough formerly known as Cone Ranch, he became a full-fledged member and leader of the Sierra Club, the largest grassroots environmental organization in the United States. Thanks to Mr. Bailey and the work of others, developers were forever blocked from acquiring Cone Ranch, which has become the largest undeveloped tract of land and has since been under restoration, slowly opening to the public for families and neighbors to enjoy for passive activities, such as hiking and horseback riding.

Mr. Bailey owned and operated Bailey & Son Woodworking since 1972 but his calling was all-things environment. Mr. Bailey served as chair of the Tampa Bay Sierra Club for the past eight years, engaging and mobilizing thousands of members to protect our region and state's fragile, sensitive environmental lands. He overwhelmingly poured his time and energy in deeply studying climate science and preparing for the next public presentation or protest about it, building his ethos and all for the purpose of sustaining a more prosperous and equitable future for his 22 grandchildren and ours. He was an inspirational speaker and motivator, always leading by example and always giving credit to others and being a cheerleader for their contributions. He developed a strategy of using all angles to fight for our environment and affect state policies to promote preservation, whether it was organizing protests, writing letters to the editor or creative antics, such as purchasing stock from the local power company, Emera Inc., and traveling from Florida to Nova Scotia so he can vote at the shareholders meeting and in protest of expansion plans of a cracked gas facility in Tampa Bay.

Mr. Bailey's legacy will live through his six children, grandchildren and wife, Cathy, who

stood by him in his activism. Madam Speaker, our grateful and saddened Tampa Bay community also pledges to carry forward the work of Mr. Bailey. His formidable efforts and selfless devotion to making Tampa Bay and the rest of the United States a better place to live are unmatched and are worthy of recognition. On behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay, Florida, and citizens across the United States, I am proud to honor W. Kent Bailey for his lifelong dedication to the protection of the environment. His legacy as a tireless advocate will live on and inspire others in the community for many years to come.

IN HONOR OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG, THE 'NOTORIOUS RBG,' ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, FEMINIST ICON AND TRAILBLAZER, INSPIRATION TO MILLIONS, TIRELESS CHAMPION FOR JUSTICE AND FIERCE DEFENDER OF THE CONSTITUTION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to join my colleagues during this Special Order to honor Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died on Friday, September 18, 2020 at the age of 87 years old.

As a direct beneficiary of her advancement of women's rights and a long-time admirer of her vigorous defense of the constitution, I am honored but heartbroken to pay tribute to Justice Ginsburg, an American hero, feminist icon, and role model to millions.

Today, tomorrow, and forever, the American people mourn the loss of a true titan, an American legend, and an inspiration.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ruth's family, friends, and loved ones.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg dedicated her life to defending the Constitution and protecting the sanctity of America's democratic ideals, and we will forever be indebted to her service to this country.

Joan Ruth Bader, fondly nicknamed Kiki, was born on March 15, 1933 to an immigrant family and grew up in Brooklyn's Flatbush neighborhood.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg often spoke of her mother's large ambitions for her, and how the devastating loss of her mother's death at an early age instilled in her the determination to live a life that her mother would have been proud of.

And so, she did.

Ruth Bader attended Cornell University where she met Martin D. Ginsburg, her future husband and love of her life to whom she was married for 54 years.

At the age of 21, Ruth Bader graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government on June 23, 1954 and was the highest-ranking female student in her graduating class.

A month after graduating from Cornell, Ruth and Martin were married and moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where Martin was stationed as a Reserve Officers' Training Corps officer in the U.S. Army Reserve after his call-up to active duty.

To help support the family, Ruth Bader Ginsburg worked for the Social Security Administration office in Oklahoma, where she was demoted after becoming pregnant with her first child, Jane, who was born in 1955.

In the fall of 1956, Ruth Bader Ginsburg enrolled at Harvard Law School, where she was one of only 9 women in a class of about 500 men.

Harvard Law Dean Erwin Griswold reportedly invited all the female law students to dinner at his family home and asked the female law students, including Ginsburg, "Why are you at Harvard Law School, taking the place of a man?"

When her husband took a job in New York City, Ruth Bader Ginsburg transferred to Columbia Law School and became the first woman to be on two major law reviews: Harvard Law Review and Columbia Law Review.

In 1959, she earned her law degree at Columbia and tied for first in her class but despite these enviable credentials and distinguished record of excellence, no law firm in New York City would hire her as a lawyer because she was a woman.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg became a crusader for women's rights and an unstoppable force who transformed the law and defied social convention.

Her now infamous quote, "I ask no favor for my sex; all I ask of our brethren is that they take their feet off our necks", was a personal mantra for the Justice as it characterized her fight for and pursuit of equal rights throughout her lifetime.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, later affectionately known as the 'Notorious RBG,' was as instrumental and historically significant to the cause of women's rights as was Thurgood Marshall to the cause of civil rights for African Americans.

As a young lawyer and Director of the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, Ruth Bader Ginsburg litigated six landmark cases before the Supreme Court, winning five out of the six cases.

Like Justice Marshall, Ruth Bader Ginsburg's uncanny strategic instincts and careful selection of cases were vital in her persuasion of the all-male Supreme Court to start dismantling the legal institution of sex discrimination one case at a time.

In 1975, Ruth Bader Ginsburg litigated and won *Weinberger v. Wiesenfeld*, which would become a landmark case in antidiscrimination jurisprudence.

In this case, the widower had been denied survivor benefits, which would allow him to stay at home and raise his son, based on a Social Security provision that assumed only women were secondary providers with unimportant incomes.

While some questioned Ginsburg's choice to challenge instances of sex discrimination by representing a male plaintiff, Ruth Bader Ginsburg saw it as an opportunity to show the court that childcare was not a sex-determined role to be performed only by women.

As with many of her cases, her goal was to free both sexes, men as well as women, from the roles that society had assigned them and to harness the Constitution to break down the structures by which the state maintained and enforced those separate spheres.

As Ruth Bader Ginsburg continued to challenge the stereotypical assumptions of what was considered to be women's work and